



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 3

Meeting Date: January 26, 2015
Meeting Location: Joy Rose Center
1000 W. Hively Avenue
Elkhart, IN

Council Members Present: Jamie Pippin, Regional Manager DCS; Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County DCS; Tony Sommer, Director Elkhart County DCS; Erin Shidler, Director Kosciusko DCS; Amanda Herendeen, Kosciusko DCS; Teresa Zornig, Director St. Joseph County DCS; Bill Horton, St. Joseph County DCS; Kristin Ford, Elkhart County DCS, Philice Hutchen, Marshall County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Judge Duane Huffer, Kosciusko County Superior Court; Judge Curtis Palmer; Joe Wine, Foster Parent; Magistrate Deborah Domine; Don Phillips, Bashor; James Pheilbush; Janet Bohner, Elkhart Probation.

Others In Attendance: Joni Tusing, DCS; Rachel Tobin-Smith, SCAN; Paige Hamilton, SCAN; Janet Rathberger, DCS; Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator; Jen Martin, Keys Counseling; Leah Plank, CAPS; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad; Becky Loth, Lifeline; LaShaunda Parker, Lifeline; Betsy Kuhn, The Villages; Candy Yoder, CAPS; Jim Shay Michiana Behavioral Health; Amy Prosser, Lifeline; Renee Battle, Resolute; Beverly Gatting, Acadia Healthcare; Marla Godette, Keys Counseling; Pat Hancock, Center for Positive Change; Emily Robinson, Oaklawn; Tai Crayton, Whites Residential; Tatum Miller, Youth Villages.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:03a.m. by Jamie Pippin.

1. Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests.
2. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of 11-17-14 reviewed. Erin Shidler motioned approval of the minutes. Teresa Zornig seconded. Vote taken. All in favor. 0 Opposed. Motion carried.
3. Community Partners Update. Rachel Tobin-Smith seeking clarification on if she can release reports to guests in attendance, reports handed out to council only. December fiscal reviewed for home-based services, should be at 50% currently at 49.1%. Slower in July but have picked up since school started and are really running now. Flex funds on target, not a really cold January. Statics for December reviewed; CTD 545 families served, 417 enrolled. 2136 enrolled and touched by this program. Outcomes are great, providers are really doing well; contact within 5 days on target, HFPI getting done, goal achievement better than expected. Next contract period the State is talking about making changes, MaryAnn West is in charge, may eliminate or add a tool. Protective factors may be added. Referral sources reviewed, major source continues to be from DCS, 14% from community agencies, 7% are self referred and 5% from schools. Local Prevention dollars should be at 50%, currently at 46%. Gear Up, new program, referrals have dropped off, doing another outreach. Mothers can be established with toddlers, not just out of the hospital with newborns. Program addresses any safety issue; baby gates, life jackets, outlets with no means testing. Tony mentioned the program at his CPT meeting. Outreach for Pediatricians recommend.

4. Regional Budget Update. Joni Tusing, Regional Financial Manager, reported they are changing the budget report format, new report not out yet. Totals will change, and mapping changing. Expenditure totals reviewed for December; Family & Children Fund 3 million, out of that Child Welfare spent 1.7 million and Probation 1.4. YTD 18.159 million spent. Comparison report reviewed, foster home and preservation increases with probation decreasing. 18.159 million is very similar to last year's total of 18.131. Increase expenditures seen when we work with families in the home, more relatives licensed, more kids in familiar homes with supports in place, and more kids in relative homes than in licensed foster homes. Decreased expenditures seen in institutions.

5. County Updates.

Elkhart – Tony Sommer, Director, FCMs all hired, Supervisor hired, and filling one clerical position.

Kosciusko – Erin Shidler, Director, second supervisor with two units settled into their roles, one FCM transfer received from Whitley County. A lot of heroin seen in the community this past month.

Marshall – Michael Carroll, Director, hiring two Family Case Manager. Introduced Amye Gourley, BSW intern, Amye has been in Marshall County since September.

St. Joseph – Teresa Zornig, Director, interviewed for Division Manager, decision soon. St. Joseph County has two BSW students and interviewing 6 more interns for next year.

Regional – Jamie Pippin, Regional Manager, DCS has contracted out for a work flow study. 17 regions are not meeting the 12/17 standard. Study should be completed mid-March.

6. Service Update. Dion Smith, Regional Service Coordinator, reported CMAC RFP opened and closes February 23rd. RFP scoring for service standards for the next two years was done at the Management Meeting in November. List of providers and service standards sent out to council members last week, members asked to vote on as written.

Erin Shidler motioned to approve the providers and service standards as written for the next two years. Bill Horton second. Vote taken. 0 Opposed. Tony Sommer abstained. Motion carried.

Information will be entered in the system and emails will be sent to providers by March, contracts start July 1st. Any questions please contact Dion or Jamie.

Teresa Zornig motioned to adjourn. Erin Shidler seconded. Meeting adjourned 10:30a.m.

Next RSC meeting is Monday April 20th, 10:00a.m., at the Juvenile Justice Center, 1000 S. Michigan St, South Bend, IN.